

April 14, 2004

JEANNE PFEIFER
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BURIEN WA 98146-2529

Subject: Complaint Filed Against Highline Citizens for Good Government and Al Furney – PDC Case No. 04-285

Dear Ms. Pfeifer:

The Public Disclosure Commission staff has completed its investigation of your complaint received October 16, 2003 alleging that Highline Citizens for Good Government and Al Furney violated the public disclosure law.

The PDC staff reviewed your allegation in light of the following statutes:

RCW 42.17.040 states that every political committee, within two weeks after its organization or, within two weeks after the date when it first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier, shall file a statement of organization with the commission and with the county auditor or elections officer of the county in which the treasurer resides.

RCW 42.17.080 and .090 require candidates to file reports of contributions and expenditures. The reports must be timely, complete, and accurate. A PDC form C-3 must be completed for each bank deposit, and these reports must be filed monthly, except for the four months preceding the election when C-3 reports must be filed weekly. A PDC form C-4, summarizing contributions and expenditures, must be filed monthly if the campaign raised or spent at least \$200, except for special reports due 21 and 7 days before each election.

You alleged that Highline Citizens for Good Government and Al Furney failed to register as a political action committee. You also alleged that Mr. Furney failed to disclose the contributions received and expenditures made by Highline Citizens for Good Government.

We found that:

- Allan Furney formed Highline Citizens for Good Government on October 9, 2003. On that date, he sought guidance from PDC staff and made the committee's first expenditures.
- A Political Committee Registration, PDC form C1-PC, was filed with the PDC on October 21, 2003, within two weeks of forming the political committee.
- On October 21, 2003, Mr. Furney filed Campaign Summary Receipts & Expenditures, PDC form C4, disclosing all contributions received and expenditures made to date.
- On October 21, 2003, Mr. Furney filed PDC form C-3 timely disclosing receipt of a \$470 loan from Mr. Furney.
- On October 24, 2003, Mr. Furney timely filed PDC forms C-3 and C-4, timely disclosing all additional contributions received and expenditures made through that date.

Thus, Highline Citizens For Good Government and Al Furney timely registered and reported the group's activities.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against Highline Citizens for Good Government and Al Furney.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie
Executive Director

c: Highline Citizens for Good Government
and Al Furney